

CLAIMS

- 5 1. A non-human transgenic mammal which comprises cells containing a construct of a heat shock protein (hsp) promoter linked to the growth hormone (GH) gene sequence.
2. A non-human transgenic mammal according to claim 1, wherein the heat shock protein promoter is hsp70 gene promoter.
- 10 3. A non-human transgenic mammal according to claim 1, which is a rodent.
4. A non-human transgenic mammal according to claim 3, which is a mouse.
- 15 5. A method for the study of chemical, physical and biological toxic agents which comprises:
- A a) exposing the transgenic mammal of <sup>claim 1</sup> ~~claims 1-4~~ to the toxic agent;
- 20 b) determining the effect through measurement of the hematic concentration of the reporter-gene.
6. A method according to claim 5, wherein the same animal is used for repeated tests with the same or different toxic agent.
- 25 7. A method according to <sup>claim 5</sup> ~~claims 5-6~~, for the study of toxicity kinetics of one or more toxic agents.
8. A method according to <sup>claim 5</sup> ~~claims 5-6~~, for the study of heat stress.
- 30 9. A method according to <sup>claim 5</sup> ~~claims 5-6~~, for the study of metal toxicity.

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10. A method according to claim 9 for the study of toxicity of metals selected from the group consisting of Rb, Cu, Hg, As and Cd.

11. The use of the transgenic mammal of claim 1 for in vivo toxicity studies.

12. The use of a transgenic animal according to claim 11, wherein said animal is a mouse.

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